A Story of a Reformed Card Sharp

By ELEANOR MARSH

A man rode up to a settler's cabin in the far west, threw himself from his horse and asked for something to eat. The settler was not at home, but his wife received the stranger, and her daughter, a child of twelve, looked up at the man with a pair of big black eyes wonderingly.

The mother was evidently troubled at his coming, but children are not aware of the differences in persons, and the daughter, who seldom saw any one except her parents, did not seem ill disposed toward him. On the contrary, his arrival was something out of the common in her life. The man was young, not over twenty-one, and not bad looking, but there was something in his appearance to make the elder woman shudder. She set out some bread and meat for him. It was not very tempting, and he asked if it was the best she could do.

"Mother," said the girl, "you have forgotten that you made ples yesterday.'

The mother cast a quick reproving glance at her daughter and, going to a cupboard, took out a pie and placed it on the table before the stranger.

"Wouldn't you like a cup of coffee?" asked the child

"Reckon I would," replied the man. The woman frowned, but her back was turned toward the man, and he did not see her face. Besides, his attention was fixed on the child, who was instrumental in bringing forth what there was in the larder. He was fighting his way through the world. His hand was against every man, and every man's hand was against him. He was touched by the only kindness he had received in a long while.

The woman made the stranger a cup of coffee, and, having eaten and drunk,

"I've had a square meal, thanks to you, sissy. Now I'm going to have a sleep. In case you hear or see any one coming, little girl, wake me at

"If you're sleepy," said the child, why do you want to be wakened?" "See here, younker; if some men come along they're probably hunting for me, and the sooner you awaken me the better it will be for me."

"Why are they hunting you?"

"To hang me." The girl paled, but asked no further questions. The man stretched himself on a bunk fixed to the wall in the living, dining and bedroom in one, while the woman went to the other room, the kitchen, and washed the dishes. The stranger must have been long without leep, for no sooner had he stretched himself on the bunk than he fell into a deep slumber.

There is something so inoffensive, so powerless, about a sleeper as always to attract sympathy. In this case sleep d to relax the man's features so that the animosity against mankind so marked upon it when he was awake disappeared. Twenty-one is the very beginning of manhood, and the youngster, his face being in repose, was sinwas old enough to feel drawn to one of the opposite sex. At any rate, she looked upon him sympathetically out of her great black eyes and presently got a blanket and threw it over him. Then, remembering what he had said to her, she went outside and scanned the country roundabout. Far in the distance she saw several men on horse back galloping toward the cabin.

The sleeper was conscious of hearing

"Mother, some men are coming. I'm going to wake him up."

"Do no such thing. He's a desperado, quite likely a horse thief. Let him alone, and they'll get him."

"I won't; they'll hang him." Then the man felt himself shaken.

He started up. "They're coming," said the girl. The man sprang to the door, shaded his eyes with his hand against the sun,

caught the child in his arms, kissed her, vaulted on to his horse and dashed away.

Not long after his departure a posse rode up to the house. "Anybody been here?" asked one of

"Who are you looking for?" asked

the woman. "Jim Gay, the card sharp. He took \$500 last night from a greenhorn in

Silver City." "Well," replied the woman, "a young fellow has just been here and lit out. Reckon if you go that a-way (pointing)

you'll be on his track." The men rode on, leaving the mother and daughter together, the latter receiving a scolding for protecting the stranger. The father came in later, and when told that Jim Gay, the card sharp, had been there and had been saved from capture by his daughter he

gave her another scolding. "Who is the fellow anyway?" asked his wife.

"I never saw him, but they say he's the slickest man at cards in the territory. He doesn't take much interest in doing a sucker. He rather runs to men who pride themselves on being up to all the dodges in the profession. But he's skinned so many of them that they won't tackle him any more." "Papa," said the girl, "is it wicked to

play cards? You play cards sometimes, lon't you?"

No response was made to the ques tion. The father's besetting sin was he gambling table.

During five years following this epiade the country round about the setter's cable was filling up, but with har rough element which seeks new omeries. Silver was what attracted he crowd, and many were growing rich from the mines. Scarborough, the settler, was in a position to avail himself of opportunities; but, being subjest to a passion for gambling, whenever he got a good thing he gambled it away. In vain his wife pleaded with him to keep away from the gaming tables. It is singular how credulous are those who are afflicted with this passion. And yet is not the passion so strong that they are swept away by it, knowing that the chances are all against them?

Meanwhile the little girl who had saved the card sharp was growing to be a woman. She was a serious character, for she lived in a country where she saw a great deal to indicate to her that the world is not a bed of roses. Then, too, she experienced trouble at home. Her father was a bright man, but they say "death loves a shining mark," and it is hard to find a person with a superior intellect who is not handicapped by some glaring defect. Just as soon as Scarborough made a deal by which he pocketed a handsome profit he would go to a gambling den and lose it, and that, too, to men who were his inferiors.

One evening Scarborough, who had just sold a piece of property for \$3,000. was being relieved of it by a gang of sharpers. While he was playing a young man of clerical cut and wearing a white cravat entered the den and, taking position in the center of the room, began to speak against the gambling passion. The proprietor looked at him as though uncertain whether to stop him or let him proceed. Seeing that no one in the room paid any attention to the speaker, he chose the latter

While the young clergyman was inveighing against the sin of gambling a girl of seventeen entered and, moving straight to Scarborough, put her arms about his neck and begged him to come

"Mother says that you will lose all the money received for the sale of the property," she pleaded.

"I've lost it already, but I'll get it back again, and more too."

"Oh, father!" "Just you go home and tell your mother not to worry. I'll come out all

When the girl entered the gambling house the clergyman ceased his remarks on the sin of gambling and fixed his eyes upon her intently. He heard what she said to her father, and when he refused to go away with her the clergyman went over to the table where her father was playing and

looked over the game.
"Gents," be said presently, "would you mind a man of the church taking a hand in this game?"

There was a burst of laughter and much chaffing of the clergyman at having preached against gambling and then going back on all he had said. But the men at the table, except Scarborough, were all card sharps and thought what a fine thing it would be to fleece a parson. He was admitted to the game with a welcome and, taking \$100 from his wallet, invested the amount in chips.

Never at that board had such hands been held as by the parson. If the best hand against him was a full of nines he held a full of tens. When he dealt the cards it seemed that he was enabled to give the others such hands as would draw them out, and he always topped them. The chips all came his way, and before long he had a pile before him that filled the others with envy. Then he said:

"Gents, no more playin' for chips. Cash these and let the game go on for hard money." .

Since he was winner, there could be no objection to this, and the game proceeded on a money basis. When the parson had won more than \$2,500 he suggested a jack pot. The betting was opened with a pair of queens. The parson bet so high that he drove all the rest out except one man. When he was called and showed his hand he was found to hold four kings and an ace. He won \$500 on that hand alone. Turning to Scarborough, he said:

"How much money did you bring in here?"

"Thirty-two hundred dollars." The parson counted out the amount. sushed it toward him, deducted the hundred dollars he had begun the game with and left the balance on the

"You're a fine parson, you are," said the man who had lost the jackpot.

Who are you, anyway?" "I'm Jim Gay, who used to be known in these parts for the slickest card shifter of all professionals.

"One day, when a posse was after me, I got into the cabin where this man and this girl were livin'. The girl was a child then, but against her mother's wishes she warned me of the coming of the committee and enabled me to show a clean pair of heels. Somehow I couldn't get her kindness out of my head, and it worked on me till it reformed me. I concluded to get an education to preach, so that I could spend the rest of my life exposing men who fleece and are fleeced. Do you re-

member me. little girl?" "Yes, I do."

The three of them took the regained funds to Scarborough's cabin. It was invested in a silver mine and made the family comfortable. The father never gambled again, and Mabel Scarborough. as Gny's wife, is now assisting him in his crusade against gambling.

THEATER CAN BAR CRITICS

New York Court Upholds Right to Deny Admission to "Roasters."

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 23.-The right of a proprietor of a theater to deny admission to any person whose published criticisms of dramatic performances might injure the business of the theater was upheld unanimously by the ccurt of appeals.

A dramatic critic of a New York newspaper, who had been barred from a theater, appealed from a lower court decision upholding the right of the management in revoking the license conferred by possession of an admission ticket.

AMBASSADOR GERARD HURT

Envoy to Germany Breaks Collar Bone

in Skiing Near Munich. London, Feb. 23 .- A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says that James W. Gerard, American ambassador to Germany, broke his collar bone when skiing near Munich and also injured his left side.

It is said his injuries are not serious.

Notice of Primary Election.

To the Electors of the City of Owesso: Take notice that the City primary election of the City of Owosso, Michigan, will be held in said City on Moaday, the 13th day of March, 1916, for the purepse of nominating two candidates for the offices of Commissioner of Public Utilities and Constable of the City of Owosso. At said election the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for each office shall be the candidates whose names shall be placed on the bailot for the municipal election to be held on the 3rd day of April, 1916.

The following named places are beauty.

The following named places are hereby des'gnated according to a resolution offithe Commission of said City as the polling places in said city for said primary election: Light
Adams St. Sewer No. 5
Ball St. Sewer No. 8
O D & M Sewer
Chipman St. Sewer No. 8
Comstock St. Sewer No. 4
Corunna Ave. West Dist
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Division St. Sewer
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Glenwood Ave Sewer
Lansing St. Sewer
W Main St. Sewer
Muiberry St. Sewer
N Owosso Sewer
Unkwood & Main St. Sewer
Park St Sewer First ward-No 211 North Ball street.

Second ward-Times Printing office, E. Main Third ward-City Hall, E. Main street. Fourth ward-Veting booth, South Water

The poils of said primary election will be open from seven o'clock in the forenoon until ive o'clock in the afternoon. Dated Feb. 25th, 1916.

ARTHUR H. DUMOND, City Clerk.

Notice of Registration of Electors For Primary Election.

To the Electors of the City of Owosso: Take hotice, that the several board of registration for their respective wards in the City of Owosso will meet in the City of Owosso will meet in the City of Owosso upon Saturday, March 11, 1916, for the purpose of registering the qualified electors of the City of Owosso to vote at the primary election to be held upon Monday, March 13th, 1916. Any elector who is not already registered or who has changed his residence to another ward since last registering will be required to register.

The saveral boards of registration will meet

Oakwood & Main St. Sewer
Park St Sewer
Pine St. Sewer
Railroad & Grand Ave Sewer
Saginaw St. Sewer
Saginaw St. Sewer No. 14
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Wash. St. Sewer No. 10
Water St. Sewer No. 10
Water St. Sewer No. 7
Williams & Oak St. Sewer
Wash. St. Sewer No. 6
Wash. & Monroe St. Sewer
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Bal, Feb. 1st, 1916

Cash on hand

City Bonds

Unpaid Checks

Bal. Feb. 1st, 1916

Police Department Delinquent taxes

General Sidewalk

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Delinquent taxes
Adjustment on special
assessments

Wash & Monroe St. Sewer Delinquent taxes

N. Owosso Trunk Sewer Delinquent taxes

Dakwood & Main St. Sewer Delinquent taxes Railroad & Grand Ave Sewer Delinquent taxes

General street Delinquent taxes Special work done Curb work excess

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Respectfully submitted.
A. T. WRIGHT,
City Treasur

The several boards of registration will meet at the following places:
First ward—No. 211 North Ball street.

nd ward-Times Printing office, E. Main Third ward-City Hall, East Main Street.

Fourth ward - Voting Booth, South Water Fifth ward-No. 1006 West Main street.

Said Boards of Registration will remain in session from eight o'clock in the forencon until eight o'clock in the afternoon. Dated Feb. 95th, 1916. ARTHUR H. DUMOND.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COM-MISSION.

City Cierk.

Owosso, February 21st, 1916. ting of the Commission, Mayor Owesso Savings Bank

Members present, DeYoung, Hanscom, Ros The minutes of the last regular meeting were end and approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was presented and on motion of Mr. Hansoom same was received and filed, ayes DeYoung, Hansoom, Rosevear: City Commissioners:
At last Tuesday's Improvement Association meeting an invitation was extended you to be present at the meeting to be held tomorrow Tuesday, February 22.
We take luncheon together at 12 o'clock

Respectfully yours, aso Improvement Assn. W. A. Seegmiller, Secy.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS The following reports were presented and

Below is a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the City Treasurer's office for the month of January 1916, with a detail-ed statement of the balances in the various funds February 1, 1916.

Balance on hand January	1, 1916	8 4	9542
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Sidewalk fund City Cierk colls		261	98
General street City Clerk colls		28	75
Fire Department City Clerk colls		56	55
City Clerk colls		2825	39
Library City Clerk colls		5	70
Store and Def. City Clerk colls		217	80
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Fire Department		Interest and Sinking Delinquent taxes
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Water Works City Clerk colls	2825 39	Sinking bridge bonds Delinquent taxes
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Bridge bonds	977 76 3901 68	Delinquent taxes
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orinking	38 63	Delinquent taxes
Fire	3189 93	Library
Water Works	1138 07	Delinquent taxes
General Water Works	8112 35	Fees and Fines

Silk and Net Waists at \$ 2.95 Newest Spring Models Attractive, frilly new waists of Crepe de chine, Taffeta, Habutai silk and net with broad collars, fetching jabots and a profusion of embroidery. Walst sketched in the upper cut is of washable Crepe de Chine and comes in white, flesh, maize, coral, peach or black. Note the ruffled collar and front and the same effect on the cuffs. Handsome pearl buttons. Below in sketch is shown a light ecru net waist over flesh chiffon and ribbon. All-over silk embroidered. Collar edged with chiffon and tassel trimmed. Net tie in front ending with tassels. ORDERS FILLED

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Contingent	TE.		on the Contingent fund in favor of Elm Howe for \$10.78 in partial refund of 1915 perso
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Printing commission proceedings	28 76		NEW BUSINESS
Maintenance of public buildings	84		The following resolution was presented a on motion of Mr. Rosevear same was adopted
Office supplies and ex-	35 36		ayes DeYoung, Hanscom, Rosevear.
Miscellaneous expenses Justice court expense	77 90 25 21		Resolved by the Commission of the City
Dog warden department Sealer of weights and	25 95		Owosso that the claims and accounts here attached be approved and the Mayor and Cle are hereby instructed to issue warrants on t
measures	16 66	227 00	are hereby instructed to issue warrants on to
Police Department Salaries	364 29		smounts shown:
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Miscellaneous expenses Livery	13 50	386 99	Doubleday-Hunt-Doian Co
Sidewalk	265 06		f Fred Smith 3
Cement Sand and gravel	188 47 61 69	4200	F R Forster 7 Times Printing Co. 13 F R Forster 14
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Crosswalk Tar waik refunds	79 20 911 31	990 51	W H VanSice
General Street	10000	7.000.00	Phillips & Taylor
Cleaning paved district Salaries	279 61 252 50		W S Patterson
Repairs to dirt streets	93 60		G S Kinney
3d dist.	36 66 60 56		G S Kinney. 28 W S Fuller. 33 A Gerard 34 M Kerby 4
4th dist. 5th dist.	44 66 70 71		FROM GENERAL STREET FUND
Tools Miscellaneous	4 80		Southard & Densmore 1
Interest and Sinking	#68 96	1449 30	Geo Freet
Commission and expenses	25	95	D Speck 34
Sprinkling Sprinkling streets	96 00	96 00	
Fire Department Salaries	865 00		J Heit 54 F Myers 8 J M Warren 4
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Grain, hay and straw Veterinary and medicine	145 91		I K Smith
Laundry Blacksmithing	9 00 12 68		A Drexier. 4 Store & Def. Fund
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Water Works	12 4 Vine		W H VanSice
New services Meter repairs	65 55 85 26		John Horton 6 F L Hanseom 34
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Fuel Supplies	1:28 00 451 37 77 90		Collins Drug Co
Light	77 20 7 03 219 96		Hughes & Son
Office System repairs	59 61 75 00		C Craig 40
New water supply	825 87	1763 85	C Craig 49 R Crane 35 Ed Martin 32 C Oekerman 32 M Hahn 32 O Kinsey 30 T Corcoran 30 W Howell 35 W Rourke 32 W Schutte 32 J Dibean 32
General Sewer General repairs	15 80		P Oekerman
and expenses Miscellaneous	14 17	31 53	O Kinsey
Abbott street sewer Health		91 00	W Howell
Salary of Health Officer Salary of sanitary inspec-	25 00		W Schutte
tor General expenses	16 66		FROM WATER WORKS FUED
Repairs to hospital	5 25	47 69	Owners Sugar Co
Lighting public streets	731 00	731 00	H Mueller Mrg Co
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Adjustment of expenses Loan payment	210 83	433 01	Ann Arbor R R Co
Ada & Jennett St. Sewer Adjustment of expenses	27 80		P McClish
Loan payment Adams St Sewer No. 5	111 47	138 77	O Headerson
Adjustment of expenses	18 48	18 48	W J Hall M K Dumond
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Loan payment King & Ada St. Sewer		410 45	R Calhoun
Adjustment of expense Losn payment	26 95 360 85	307 84	J Freeman 27 O Henderson 3 B Shattler 27
S. Dewey St. sewer Adjustment of expense	27 60		R Shattler
Loan payment Howell St. Sewer	205 95	233 58	FROM HEALTH FUND
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Clark Ave. sewer Adjustment of expense	13 94	100.00	
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Miscellaneous	6 77	241 73	STORE & DEFICIENCY FUND
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